# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
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RAIN REPELLENT SYSTEM IN AIRCRAFT
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `No rain repellent system in I.A`s300 aircraft` appearing in the `Pioneer` dated July 19,2000;

(b) if so, whether rain repellent systems do not exist in Airbus 300 aircraft making it impossible for pilots to manoeuvre the aircraft during monsoon;

(c) if so, the reasons for not providing this system in Airbus 300 aircraft;

(d) whether there are chances of mishaps due to non-availability of such systems in the said Airbus; and

(e) if so, the time by which such systems are likely to be available in all the aircrafts?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Rain repellent system exists on Airbus A-300 aircraft but the manufacturer, M/s. Airbus Industries, with the permission of their regulatory authority of DGAC,France, allowed deactivation of the rain repellent system, but made it mandatory that both windshield wipers should be serviceable all the time.

(c): Rain repellent system on A-300 aircraft of Indian Airlines was discontinued due to non-availability of rain repellent which was environment friendly as per the recommendation of Airbus Industries. However, environment friendly rain repellent is now available in the market and the systems are being progressively re-activated during major checks of A-300 aircraft.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.